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Inventor(s): Jeffrey T. Kernan et al. Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned Examiner: Phillip A. Johnston **Group Art Unit:** Filing Date: Herewith 2881 Title: APPARATUS FOR MANIPULATION OF IONS AND METHODS OF MAKING APPARATUS COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Sir: Please amend the above-identified application as follows: Page 1, line 1, insert the following new paragraph: This is a Continuation of copending application Serial No. 10/027,333, filed on 6x) Dec. 20, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. () This is a Divisional of copending application Serial No. , filed on , the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. In the Claims: Cancel the following claims 4, 6, 11, 14, and 17 application. (At least one original claim must be retained for filing purposes). "Express Mail" label no. ER092277375US Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey T. Kernan Date of Deposit March 25, 2004 I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post service under 37 CFR 1.10 on Office to Addressee" Gerry A. Blødgett the date indicated above and is addressed to: Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s) Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Reg. No. 26,090

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Sir:

In advance of the assignment of a serial number and examination of the accompanying application, please amend the accompanying application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.